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DNA ENCODING HUMAN MELANIN For

CONCENTRATING HORMONE RECEPTOR (MCH1)

AND USES THEREOF

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-41, 43-121, and 125-197 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of this claim in a future continuation or divisional application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-207 were pending in the subject application. By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have canceled claims 1-41, 43-121, and 125-197. Accordingly, upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 42, 122-124, and 198-207 will be pending and under examination.